

Mayor Don Gregory called the Special Workshop Session to order. Those Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Johnson, Slater, Chester, Keolker, McDaniel and Wheeler.

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Discussion of Stadium Fund and Visitors Center**

City Manager Doug Robinson reviewed the 2004 Stadium Fund Budget. Various suggestions for the future of the present Visitor's Center were discussed. Councilmember Slater suggested moving to the current Finance Department building for at least a year when the new City Hall is completed. It was determined that the Finance Building would need to be upgraded. It is the Council's intent to keep people in Kelso, not send tourists down the road. A brochure of things to do in Kelso was also discussed.

Public Works Director David Sypher presented modular and log designs for a new Visitors Center. Lengthy Council discussion followed.

Cheryl Spencer, Director of the Kelso-Longview Chamber was present in the audience. Lengthy discussion followed on the future of the Visitor's Center including future location. City Manager Doug Robinson noted that the Lodging Tax Committee wants to meet with the City Council on future spending from the Stadium Fund Budget.

It was Council consensus to meet with the Lodging Tax Committee and discuss continuing and future spending from the Stadium Fund.

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Chapter 17.100 to 17.166.**

Kent Anderson, Community Development Director gave an overview of the proposed ordinance and the work that the Planning Commission has done for the past three to four years. Lengthy Council discussion followed. There were several concerns about the landscape regulations. Mayor Gregory reminded the Council that these regulations are for Commercial and Industrial not Residential uses. The intent of these new regulations is to protect neighborhoods and shield them from large developments.

Council was reminded that the residential portion of the code was adopted about a year ago.

It was Council consensus to send this proposed Zoning Ordinance back to the Planning Commission. It was also suggested that changes be italicized. At a later date Council will revisit the zoning code changes.

There being no further business at 9:30 P.M. , Councilmember Slater moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, 'Meeting be adjourned,' all voting Yes.

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